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FM AMEMBASSY FREETOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9338

INFO AMEMBASSY ABIDJAN

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

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SUBJECT: SIERRA LEONE-GUINEA TALKS ON REGIONAL COOPERATION AND
BORDER PROBLEMS

REF: FREETOWN A-12 DATED FEBRUARY 5, 1974

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1. GUINEAN DEL HEADED BY P.M. BEAVOGUI ARRIVED FREETOWN
MARCH 15 TO DISCUSS REGIONAL COOPERATION AND RECENT
BORDER PROBLEMS (REPAIRS). ACCORDING TO SOURCES CLOSE
TO GOSL DEL, TALKS WENT WELL INTO A.M. ON 15TH AND 16TH
WITH GOG DEL MAKING CLAIMS TO SOVEREIGNTY OVER PORTIONS
OF KAMBIA, KAILAHUN AND KONO DISTRICTS IN SIERRA LEONE.
GOG DEL RETURNED CONAKRY MORNING MARCH 17.

2. SOURCES CLAIM GUINEANS WERE IN A NASTY MOOD, ATTACKING
INCREASING GOSL-LIBERIAN COOPERATION UNDER MANO RIVER PACT
AS A MANEUVER BEHIND ITS BACK, WHICH ENCROACHED ON GUINEAN
INTERESTS.

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3. ALL SOURCES EMBASSY HAS TALKED TO HAVE EXPRESSED
CONSIDERABLE ANNOYANCE AT BLUSTERY AND PREEMPTORY PERFORMANCE
BY GUINEANS, YET ADMIT THEY WILL HAVE TO DO SOMETHING TO
CALM PRESIDENT TOURE DOWN AS THEY CAN NOT AFFORD TO
ANTAGONIZE SUCH A "LARGE AND POWERFUL" NEIGHBOR.

4. COMMENT: WHILE EMBASSY HAS BEEN UNABLE TO FIND OUT SO
FAR WHAT GOSL REPLY WAS TO GUINEAN CLAIMS AND CHARGES IT
SUSPECTS GOSL ALLOWED GUINEANS TO BLOW THEIR STEAM AND THEN
AGREED TO STUDY GOG CONCERNS.
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